

ITALIAN ARMY ALL PREPARED TO TAKE FIELD

Final Preparation For War, the Distribution of Identification Tags, Was Commenced Yesterday Throughout the Country

ITALY MUST REGAIN HER LOST PROVINCES

Would Prefer Getting Them Without Fighting, But Recent Attitude of Austria Persuades Her That Hope For Peace Is Vain

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ROME, March 21.—The Italian army is now on a war footing and ready to strike at a moment's notice. Yesterday the final touch towards completing the preparation of the land forces of the kingdom for active service was begun, this being the distribution of identification tags, which the men must wear in order that dead bodies may be identified, and word from the wounded may be sent to relatives. In the Italian army, these tags are worn by the troops only when on active service.

Italian public opinion is that war is imminent and the idea is welcomed by the populace generally, whose outbursts against Austria have been increasingly violent, with the activities of the government in suppressing these demonstrations growing less and less daily. Italy bound to reap some territorial advantage from the shifting of the boundary lines that will follow the conclusion of the war, and the opportunity of securing back the lost Trentino provinces is not going to be neglected. Italy would prefer to secure these without fighting, but Austria's recent action in first disclaiming the negotiations being carried on by the special German ambassador, Count von Buelow, and then in refusing to carry on any further direct negotiations with Italy, stating that the demands made for territory were too excessive, has convinced Italy that only by going to war will her "manifest destiny," as promised by Premier Salandra, be accomplished.

Austria is reported to be feverishly placing her border into shape for defense against the expected Italian invasion.

LINER CAPTAIN SAW A LIVELY BATTLE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, March 21.—Captain Frederick of the British steamship Layland, which arrived here today from Liverpool, reported that he witnessed a battle between the torpedo-boat that conveyed him and a German submarine in the Irish Sea. From what he saw he thought the submarine was destroyed.

ARGENTINE HAS SUPER-DREADNOUGHT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
Buenos Aires, March 21.—Fully equipped and ready for service, the Argentine super-dreadnought Moreno left her builders' hands today at Camden, New Jersey, across the Delaware river from here, and was formally accepted by the Argentine government.

The Moreno mounts twelve twelve-inch rifles, mounted four aft and four forward in superimposed turrets, and four amidships in barbette, with a secondary battery of twelve six-inch guns and sixteen four-inch guns. At normal draft her displacement is 28,000 tons and fully loaded 30,000. In speed, however, she falls behind the latest British practice.

As soon as formal possession had been taken the Moreno was anchored in the stream and began loading supplies and stores for a voyage to San Francisco, where she will represent the Argentine Republic at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

DANISH OIL CARGO SEIZED BY GERMANS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, March 20.—The German authorities at Swinemunde have confiscated the oil cargo of the Danish steamer Brynol, according to a report to the Exchange Telegraph agency.

CORMORANT MAY COME TO HAWAII

Captured Russian Craft Had a Hard Time Dodging the Enemies' Warships

A tale of how the German converted cruiser Cormorant fled through the South Seas from British and Japanese men-o-war, eventually finding refuge in Guam harbor, was brought to Honolulu for the first time yesterday. It is a fantastic narrative of officers in coconut palms, wig-wagging signals with palm branches; of Tontons dilling off plate embossed with the imperial arms and flag of Russia; of fogs suddenly lifting and disclosing the sinister gray shapes of Japanese cruisers; of an "intended" German sailing boat twenty-five feet long; of threading a twisted channel without a light showing; of native messengers suddenly arriving at night with warning of danger from battlecruisers. It is full of the high-hearted adventure of war.

British and Japanese men-o-war alike were thwarted by Capt. Adalbert Zuckerswerdt, commander of the Cormorant. He fled before them at least 4500 miles, having only his wits to match against their great guns, one of which could have blown his former merchantman out of the water in instant. He reached Guam with less than 300 tons of coal in his bunkers, and, the day after he landed, the Japanese cruiser Iwate appeared off the harbor with Admiral Matsumura aboard. He had run his quarry to its last hiding place, but the Stars and Stripes loomed between them.

Captured Russian in It

There was a Russian merchantman of the volunteer fleet plying between European Russia and Vladivostok. The name is long and life is short; but credible witnesses affirm that it was "that long," which means the space between extended arms. At any rate, the steamer was caught in the China Sea when the Germans spread their net for a brief space at the beginning of the war, and she was taken to Tsing-tau.

When Japan declared war, Tsing-tau became an unhealthy place for men owing allegiance to the German Empire, so Herr Captain Adalbert Zuckerswerdt moved swiftly. In forty-eight hours he transferred his eight four-inch guns to the Russian steamer from the old Cormorant, which was a sister ship to the Geier, interned in Honolulu; he transferred, too, his coal, supplies and munitions of war.

The Japanese were moving on the German fortresses. The captain sailed with his trim passenger ship; but, before he departed, he left behind a petty officer to scuttle the Cormorant and Planet, the latter a German survey ship, also caught in the harbor. With him went the crews of the old Cormorant and the Planet, and to the former Russian he gave the name of the rapacious bird.

He cruised about the China Sea, knowing the Japanese were hot on his wake, and then he moved to German New Guinea. There was no resting place there for the Cormorant; the British already had seized that possession and were at Frederick Wilhelm Haven, which is in 146 east longitude and about 5:30 south latitude.

Sung Hiding Place

North of Frederick Wilhelm Haven, some seven miles as the crow flies, is a little inlet, opening into a bottle-shaped bay, screened about by high hills and heavy growth of coconut palms, and having a channel where two ships hardly could move abreast. To this the Cormorant fled. Eastward lies an island, long and narrow, divided from the larger island by a narrow passage. With tropical vegetation brushing his craft, Captain Adalbert pushed into the hiding place and lay at anchor. On the small island he stationed an officer in a palm tree. This lookout screened himself with leaves. Another officer took his station in still another palm; a third did likewise; and they formed a chain to the ship. Then, swinging down to Frederick Wilhelm Haven, moved the great gray forms of three British men-o-war, searching the seas for the stray German. They passed from sight while the three officers wig-wagged their movements with palm branches.

Cornet Too Hot

The Cormorant lay three days in the inlet. Then came a breathless battle with word that one of the battlecruisers would remain and ferret out the German, though it had to peer into each opening of the tortuous coast. Captain Adalbert Zuckerswerdt delayed only until the heavy tropical night fell. Then he sent a boat with natives aboard to the entrance of the inlet, with instructions to show a single light on the north side of the channel. The boat departed down the black water. It was one o'clock in the

Secretary M'Adoo's Sister Runs Afoul of Berlin Police

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

BERLIN, March 21.—Mrs. Nona Foster, a sister of Secretary McAdoo of the American treasury department, complained to Ambassador Gerard today that she had been compelled by the German police to surrender 2900 marks in gold, which she had stored for an emergency traveling fund.

Mrs. Foster had cashed the bank notes she held in gold, and the receipt she had taken showed that she had paid a premium, which is illegal under a war edict drawn with a view to prevent the hoarding of gold and consequent devaluation of commerce.

An official explanation of the incident says: "It is believed Mrs. Foster's unfamiliarity with the language was responsible for her mistake, and that overzealousness betrayed the police into making the threats of which she has complained."

"The Reichsbank has informed Mrs. Foster that the gold is at her disposal whenever her time of need may come."

VICE-PRESIDENT DODGES REPORTERS

Had a Night Off To See the Sights of Fair

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Like a schoolboy stealing away at night from his dormitory, Vice-President Marshall evaded the newspaper men picketing the lobby of his hotel tonight and wandered unattended about the city and the fair grounds.

"I don't like this constant chaperonage," he told the chagrined reporters, when they finally picked up his trail. "I wish the President were here. This job of representing him is my idea of nothing to do."

"Sorry, but I can't talk politics. The truth is that since my election I haven't had a chance to talk to my bootblack and my barber or ride on the street cars."

morning. With not a light showing and

none burning save in the pilot house and engine room, the Cormorant slipped away. From the bridge the captain peered for the spark he had sent to the channel entrance. There was no light!

So, from one o'clock to three o'clock the Cormorant felt her way down that twisted five miles; a man could have walked more rapidly. She rounded the point at last; then it was open sea and full speed ahead.

Almost Trapped

One captain set his course for Japan, another German possession in the South Seas. It is about 1000 miles to that island. The Cormorant reached it at sundown.

There was a heavy fog and mist of rain on the surface of the sea. It broke for an instant. Through the opening the captain saw four Japanese men-o-war!

"Hard a-starboard!" was his order, as he related it. "Then, three times, I pull her: Full speed ahead! Oud!"

The kindly fog settled down. Evidently, the Japanese were looking too intently at the shore during the brief moment they could have sighted the German.

From Japan the Cormorant set her course for one of the islands north of Guam, a speck in the vast wash of the Pacific. He lay here while he sent a sailing boat, twenty-five feet long, with two officers and four native boys aboard, to Guam to summon the collier Rio Pang, owned by Ben Meyers & Co. of Manila. The Rio Pang formerly was the United States collier Alexander. The Cormorant needed coal.

Interned Whale Boat

That island could not have been far away from Guam, probably not more than forty-five miles, although the Germans would not tell. However, when spruce German officers step from a sailing boat smooth-shaven and not at all disheveled, a shrewd observer could say with certainty that they had not been long on the way.

The officers—Lieutenant von Elpens and others—wished to send a cablegram to Manila. Why did the officers wish to send a cablegram? They wished to summon the collier Rio Pang with coal. The officers might not send the cablegram. Also, the wee sailing boat was a belligerent vessel. It was commanded by uniformed German officers. The Lieutenant von Elpens might remain twenty-four hours or the lieutenant might "interne." The trades were from the north; he could not get back. He "interned." That is why Guam smiles at the little sailing boat drawn upon the beach now, the home of the six New Guinea boys, "interned" just as truly as the Cormorant herself.

No, with about fifty tons of coal in his bunkers and six inches of water under his keel, Captain Adalbert Zuckerswerdt waited at his little island, waited and waited for the sailing boat and collier that never came. Finally, he set sail for Guam. He was met by a boarding officer. That officer, his whisper, is of English birth; a Japanese steward also appears later, to serve the German officers with beer.

Boat Japanese a Day

Guam is a closed port. The Germans had permission, at length, to enter. A cablegram to Ambassador Bernstorff at Washington brought instructions to in-

GERMANS SEIZE A DUTCH VESSEL

Supplies of Eggs Captured—"Pinprick Blockade" Is British Term for Submarining.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, March 21.—German patrols captured yesterday a Dutch steamship laden with eggs for England. The United Kingdom is largely dependent for its eggs, butter and cheese on Denmark, whose farmers have built up within the last generation a huge export business by scientific reclamation of waste lands and intensive agriculture.

In the last week, during which German submarines have been more active than ever, figures given out by the Admiralty show that eight vessels were sunk out of 1039 arrivals and departures, making a percentage of loss of .008. Those figures, the British press contends, show that the German blockade is a mere "policy of pinpricks."

It is sufficiently exasperating, however, to cause the Allies to tighten their own blockade, which by order to the Allied commanders of the Mediterranean yesterday, was widened to include all vessels bound to or leaving the ports of Germany's ally, Austria.

A most just policy, the Netherlands, as a neutral country whose trade is affected, entered formal protest yesterday.

RUSSIA FOLLOWED THE PRECEDENTS

Says Reprisals in Memel Came Only After Civilians Took Part in Street Battle

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PETROGRAD, March 21.—In reply to German protests against the killing of civilians and the destruction of houses in the taking of Memel, East Prussia, an official statement, issued today, says that the Russian troops fired on the citizenry only after an open battle in the streets, in which civilians participated. The text of the communication follows:

"Concerning the Russian advance upon Memel, East Prussia, and the threatened German reprisals upon Russian towns, it is pertinent to observe that Memel was openly defended by civilians. The town was occupied only after a battle in the streets, in which civilians shared, and we were compelled to take corresponding action. If the German threats are accomplished, the moral responsibility will rest on Germany."

Tremendous Property Loss

For every German town sacked, the Germans officially announced that they would raise three Russian towns. The devastation in Russian Poland is already beyond belief. In ten provinces 1000 villages have been burned outright and 4500 villages and ninety-five of the larger towns have been ruined, with a loss estimated at \$500,000,000.

BRITISH LOSS IN OFFICERS AMOUNTS NOW TO OVER 4400

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, March 21.—Since the war began, the British loss in officers of the expeditionary army, as officially posted today, has been killed 1643, wounded 2833 and missing 705. A large proportion of those reported missing probably are prisoners of war.

TAR PRINTS WANTED OF SAILOR'S THUMBS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, March 20.—An American merchant vessel will be taken and registered after the seaman's bill goes into effect. The impressions will be taken in connection with the examinations for qualification as "able seaman" and certified lifeboatman. The department of commerce has asked the cooperation of the coast guard in obtaining the impressions, which will be placed on each man's certificate to prevent transfer.

SPANISH SHIPS SEIZED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, March 20.—It is reported that a Spanish ship, carrying iron ore for Germany, has been seized by a British armed vessel aboard.

DEWA CARRYING GOOD WILL MESSAGE

Believes Friendship of Pacific Lands Will Be Cemented—Tokio Leaders Sanguine

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—From on board the Nippon Maru, Vice-Admiral Dewa, homeward bound after a tour of the United States, sent back last night this wireless message: "I am carrying to Japan the goodwill of America and assurances that friendly relations will be cemented between the two nations."

TOKIO RELYING ON AMERICA'S FRIENDSHIPS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
TOKIO, March 20.—Statements and leaders of public opinion here are confident that Japan's assurances to the American state department as to the nature of her demands upon China and the trend of her policy will be satisfactory to Washington.

No offense is taken at the inquiry addressed by Ambassador Guthrie, which is pointed out, is in conformity with the agreement arrived at between Secretary Root and Ambassador Takahira, dating from the administration of President Roosevelt.

That America has warned Japan is not believed true, and declarations that that effect in the dispatches are said to be an exaggeration.

NO JOINT NOTE SENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The British embassy denies reports from Peking that Great Britain and Russia have made joint representation to Japan against the tenor of her policy in China.

GERMANS SAY LOSS IN FLANDERS SMALL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, March 21.—No change in the alignment of the opposing armies was shown yesterday in the official bulletins of any of the contending armies. An official statement from Berlin placed the German losses in the recent storm of Neuve Chapelle by the British at 6,000, which is just one third of the estimated figures given out by the victors.

WANT CITIZEN LABOR ONLY ON CANAL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, March 21.—A committee representing the skilled government workmen of the Canal Zone called at the White House today and left a protest against the employment of any alien artisans or the discharge of veterans. The men also asked for an eight-hour day.

PRINZ EITEL CREW ON SHORE LIBERTY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 21.—By permission of the administration, the officers and soldiers of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which put in here for repairs, will be allowed shore leave today. They will be accompanied by an escort of American soldiers from Fortress Monroe.

GEN. SCOTT MADE CAPTIVE OF PIUTE LEADER OF REVOLT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
DENVER, March 21.—The Piute war is over. The Ne Gat, the Piute chieftain with murder, whose flight rallied the tribe to his defense, surrendered to Brigadier-General Hugh Scott, whose long familiarity with the customs and habits of thought of the Piutes from bygone days of frontier warfare, gave him an extraordinary ascendancy over them.

General Scott and the Ne Gat, accompanied by Chief Posey and Old Polk, his father, arrived last night at Bluff, Utah.

GERMAN PLANE BOMBS KENT SEASIDE RESORT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, March 20.—A German aeroplane has bombed Deal, a seaside resort of Kent county. No damage was done. One bomb fell near the steamship Manga Reva.

THE FRUIT SEASON.

Bowen's complaint is sure to be prevalent during the fruit season. He goes to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand. It may save a life. For sale by all druggists, Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

BRITISH BEAR SHIP LOSSES CHEERFULLY

Allies Resume Bombardment of Forts, While Army in Transports Waits For the Admiral's Signal To Take Their Part

TURKS DELIGHTED AT THE GERMAN GUNNERY

Porte Sends Reinforcements To Gallipoli and To Man the Guns In the Smyrnan Forts Against Attacks From Allies' Warships

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 21.—Undaunted by the loss of three battleships, the Allies are stubbornly battering away at the gates to Constantinople. The Turks, however, are greatly elated by the successes of the German gunnerymen who now are serving their guns, and are proclaiming that their forts, their mines and their torpedoes can hold the Dardanelles against the navies of the world.

The British losses are the pre-dreaded-nought battleships Irresistible and Ocean, both rated as antiquated ships. British Killed Few

On board the Irresistible, the admiral announced last night, four officers were killed and one wounded. Nothing was said of casualties aboard the Ocean, and it is presumed that all her crew were saved. Nor does the official statement tell whether the lost battleships were torpedoed, sunk by gun fire, or, as first claimed, collided with mines. A bulletin given out in Constantinople, however, says they were torpedoed.

Official report yesterday in Paris says that only sixty-four men were saved from the sunken French battleship Bouvet.

Weather Delays Attack

Fog and rain continue to hamper the attacking fleet. Although the first division, it is now announced, reentered the straits Thursday, the gun crews were obliged to remain idle twenty-four hours for lack of a good sight of their target.

From trustworthy sources comes a report, generally credited though as yet lacking official confirmation, that a considerable army has been massed on transports within striking distance of the Dardanelles, ready to land and attack the forts from the rear as soon as the admirals directing the allied fleet think wise.

Such a move has long been expected by the defenders themselves. In the last bulletin on the situation in Turkey, German headquarters said that no enemy soldiers had "yet" been landed.

World Embarrassed Defenders

Unless the German officers have been able to lend the Turks some of their astonishing mobility, an attack upon the forts from the rear, which they were not constructed to defend, would be extremely embarrassing for the Turks. Most of their active forces are supposed to be having all they can do to ward off the Russians in the Caucasus and on the plains of Northern Persia.

Persia Protested

A dispatch sent out today by the Overseas News Agency of Berlin says that Persia has requested Russia to evacuate the province of Azerbaijan. With Russian, Turkish and British troops fighting on her soil without her leave, the neutrality of Persia is in much the same plight as that of Belgium.

Turks Strengthen Garrisons

From Athens comes word that the Turkish garrisons in the forts defending the gulf of Smyrna have been increased by 8000 men and that 10,000 fresh troops have been sent to the Dardanelles to support the garrisons of the forts there.

ANOTHER LANDMARK IN NEW YORK GOING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, March 21.—Another landmark familiar to travellers the world over surrendered today before the irresistible invasion by business of what used to be "uptown."

The old Hoffman House on Madison Square, famous for the many political gatherings that took place there in bygone decades and still remembered for the floral magnificence of its room, closed its doors last night and will be torn down to make way for a commercial structure.